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Letter dated 20 January 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2127 (2013) adopted on 5 December 2013, by which the Council requested me to rapidly establish an international commission of inquiry for an initial period of one year, including experts in both international humanitarian law and human rights law, in order to immediately investigate reports of violations of international humanitarian law, international human rights law and abuses of human rights in the Central African Republic by all parties since 1 January 2013, to compile information, to help identify the perpetrators of such violations and abuses, point to their possible criminal responsibility and help ensure that those responsible are held accountable.

I wish to inform the Council that arrangements for the establishment of the commission are under way. The commission shall consist of three members, as follows:

- Bernard Acho Muna (Cameroon) (Chair)
- Fatimata M'Baye (Mauritania)
- Jorge Castañeda (Mexico)

I requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to work on the establishment of the commission, including the setting up of the secretariat that will assist the commissioners in the implementation of their mandate. The secretariat shall be based in Bangui.

I will make arrangements for the members of the commission to assemble as early as possible, subject to the availability of the necessary budgetary resources. The proposed budget for the operations of the commission will be submitted shortly to the relevant legislative bodies.

I intend to deploy the commission as soon as possible and have asked that it submit a report to me in June and December 2014. In accordance with your request, I will report back to the Council on the findings of the commission.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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